

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: 12 Years Girl

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Format: VCD

Director/Author: Not Stated

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Japanese

Applicant: The District Court at Manukau

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable.

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 601214

Unexcised version of publication:

	Component	Running time
Feature:	12 Years Girl	47.47
Total running time:		47.47

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The VCD entitled *12 Years Girl* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This classification is because the publication promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The publication contains brief images of adult women and a man engaging in sexual activity but most of the footage is a record of a child being sexually abused by an adult man. The sexual abuse is captured explicitly, with a focus upon the child's genitals. There are numerous shots of the child's face but the man's identity is carefully obscured. The publication normalises the idea of adults having sex with children by presenting it in such a manner, in order to titillate viewers.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.